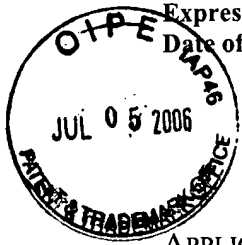


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APPLICANTS: Parikh

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the January 6, 2006 Non-Final Office Action in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$1,020.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

With the extension of time, the response is due on July 6, 2006.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 28069-547 CIP2. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Dated: July 5, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles E. Bell". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

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